

## UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII PAYS SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO MILITARY

Story and photos by  
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The University of Hawaii continued to build its ties with members of Hawaii's armed forces community by holding its annual Military Appreciation Night on Nov. 24 at Aloha Stadium.

Earlier in the year, the Warriors football team held camp at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam with daily practices at Earhart Field.

At this year's event, the school paid tribute to Wounded Warriors, military family members and service men and women recently returned from deployment.

Prior to kickoff, the evening started off with ceremonies saluting spouses of the year in the 5th Annual Key Spouse Award presentation.

Among the spouses recognized were Amy Monroe, who is married to Air Force Maj. Allen Monroe, 647th Civil Engineer Squadron, and Amy Rueda, wife

of Intelligence Specialist 1st Class Eduardo Rueda, USS Russell (DDG 59).

Wounded Warriors Air Force Staff Sgt. Daniel Meyer, Army Staff Sgt. Brett Miller and Army Staff Sgt. Ryan Soto served as honorary team captains.

Then, at halftime, 22,070 fans cheered on as the ceremonies continued with a tribute to the recently returned armed forces members.

In addition, the crowd showed its appreciation for Staff Sgt. Samuel Hesck, 111th Army

National Guard Band, who sang "chicken-skin" renditions of "Proud to be an American" and "God Bless America" with full support of the UH Marching Band.

As part of its Military Appreciation Night, the Warriors football team surrendered its usual green-and-white threads to don special red-white-and-blue uniforms, made by Under Armour, that were highlighted by stars and name tags that read, honor, integrity and courage.

The game-worn uniforms are being auctioned until Dec. 9 at Hawaii Athletics.com. All proceeds from the auction will benefit the Wounded Warrior Project.

The goodwill gesture from the university seemed to rally the Warriors football team.

Playing against University of Las Vegas at Nevada in a Mountain West Conference showdown, the Warriors snapped an eight-game losing streak and won their first conference game, stomping the visitors by a score of 48-10.





# You Mad takes Thanksgiving Tournament title

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You Mad, a team made up mostly of members from the former base intramural champs 3-Peat, bounced back from the loser's bracket to claim the 2011 Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament by defeating United States Army Pacific (USARPAC), 47-44, in overtime Nov. 25 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

After being sent to the loser's bracket by USARPAC earlier in the day, You Mad summed up their veteran experience to beat the visitors from Fort Shafter, 41-36, before doing it again in the winner-take-all showdown.

The double-elimination tournament was held over two days and welcomed seven teams that included the 647th Security Forces Squadron's Pound Town, USS Chafee (DDG 90), Fleet Family Readiness Program, USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) and USS Lake Erie (CG 70).

"We made it way harder than we had to," admitted You Mad point guard Intelligence Specialist 2nd Class Aaron Jackson. "We had them down in the first game, so if we had won that game, we'd have to win the one and we'd have won the championship. But you know, the will to win, you can never underestimate that. If you put your heart into it and give your all, you'll be OK when you come out in the end."

After avenging the team's first lost, You Mad opened up the championship matchup by scoring the first 10 points with eight of the tallies coming off of the hot hand of guard Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Shelby Mayfield, who led the way with two long-range treys and lay-up.

However, USARPAC guard Logistics Specialist 1st Class Marcus Burdios put his team right back into the game by connecting on



Specialist 2nd Class Aaron Jackson, point guard for You Mad, takes it to the rack for two points in the championship game of the Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament against United States Army Pacific (USARPAC).

back-to-back 3-pointers to pull to within four.

Shortly before halftime, center Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Eric Cotton scored a basket at the 3:27 mark to give You Mad their first double-digit lead at 16-6, before the team ended the first half with a 19-9 advantage.

In the second half, USARPAC

came out strong and, led by the shooting of guards Army Sgt. Arlington Scott and Spc. Terrence Robinson, cut the lead down to three at 23-20.

Scott swished two 3-pointers and Robinson sank a trey and a basket in the comeback.

Then, with the guards opening up the paint, center Sgt. Quentin



Members of the You Mad basketball team get together for a group picture after winning the 2012 Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament.

Leathers converted on a hook shot and a putback before tying the score at 28-28 on a thunderous break-away dunk with 6:37 remaining in the game.

Deadlocked at 35-35 with only 6.8 seconds on the clock, Leathers was fouled and sent to the line with the opportunity to seal away the win, but missed on two free throws to send the game into overtime.

"It felt good," said Jackson about the two missed throws. "I called a second timeout just to ice him. I figured he had missed the first one, so I got in his head a little bit to give him time to think about it and he went to the line and missed it."

In overtime, You Mad broke out to a four-point lead, but Robinson cut it down to one on a trey with 36 seconds on the clock.

USARPAC immediately fouled to try and get the ball back, but the plan backfired when You Mad players stepped up to the line and made their shots.

"We never worry," said Cotton about You Mad's free throw shooting at the end of the game. "We all know that we can hit big shots. We're all used to that situation, so we just come up, hit the shot and keep moving."

Head coach of USARPAC, Lt. Col. William Johnson, said that inexperience might have been the

main reason why his team just couldn't close the books on the tournament, despite having two chances to win the championship.

Many of the players, only recently joined the team, said Johnson, and the lack of cohesion resulted in too many missed shots and opportunities.

"We had a few bad possessions that led to more bad possessions," he said. "We got out of sync. We normally move the ball, set good picks, look inside and if we got the shot, we'll take it. At times, we just settled for the 3-point shot."

Still, Johnson said, the team was in a good place to wrap it up, but the missed free throws proved to be too costly.

"That's part of the game," he noted. "Free throws count, rebounds count and defense counts."

For Jackson, who wished everyone happy holidays, winning the tournament provided the players with a small feeling of retribution after the team lost in the semifinals of the Summer Basketball League.

"I wouldn't say this rectifies that because that was a hard one to swallow, but it definitely helps," he acknowledged. "This is part of the retribution. Maybe we'll win intramurals or win another league or something like that and we'll be back."

## Special Olympics to be held this weekend at JBPHH

The Special Olympics Hawaii Holiday Classic will be held this weekend, Dec. 1-2, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) and Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay (MCBH).

Approximately 800 athletes with intellectual disabilities, with the guidance of 250 coaches and more than 1,000 volunteers, will compete in basketball, bowling and bocce.

During the holiday classic, the athletes will also have the opportunity to enjoy many special events, such as the opening and closing ceremonies, Olympic town and the victory dance.

JBPPH support includes ceremonial assistance for the opening

such as the Pacific Fleet Band Quintet, Navy color guard and chaplain.

"Our annual Holiday Classic is not just a competition to mark the end of the fall season," said Dan Epstein, Special Olympics Hawaii vice president of sports.

"It's also a celebration for the athletes who have spent months preparing for this sporting event and are able to compete with other athletes from across the state. Many people don't know that these 880 athletes train vigorously every year starting in September to compete in area and regional competitions in October and November to qualify for the Holiday Classic. Their dedication and hard work

are really inspiring," Epstein said.

The holiday classic schedule of events includes:

- Dec. 1
  - Team basketball from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the MCBH youth gym, Hickam main gym and Pearl Harbor sub-base gym.
  - Singles bowling at Hickam lanes from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (all age 22-29 singles bowlers) and 1 to 4 p.m. (age 30 and over male singles bowlers).
  - Singles and unified bowling at Kaneohe Bay lanes from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (age 30 and over female singles bowlers) and 1 to 4 p.m. (youth unified team bowling).
  - Bocce from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (traditional doubles) at the softball

fields across from Hickam bowling center.

Special events on Dec. 1 at Hickam hangars 34 and 35 include opening ceremonies from 7 to 8:15 p.m., dancing to DJ music from 8:15 to 9:45 p.m. and additional meetings from 8:15 to 9:15 p.m.

Lunch will be distributed at competition venues from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Dinner will be at Hickam hangars 34 and 35 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

- Dec. 2
  - Team basketball from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the MCBH youth gym, Hickam main gym and Pearl Harbor sub-base gym.
  - Bowling from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Hickam lanes (ages 8-21

female singles bowlers) and 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (8-21 male singles bowlers).

- Bowling from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at MCBH lanes (adult unified team bowling) and 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. adult unified team bowling).

- Bocce from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the softball fields across from the Hickam bowling center (unified doubles).

Breakfast will be from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. at MCBH Anderson Hall and Hickam Hale Aina dining hall. Lunch will be distributed at competition venues from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information visit the website [www.specialolympicshawaii.org](http://www.specialolympicshawaii.org).

## Armed Services YMCA to hold annual art contest

### Armed Services YMCA

Armed Services YMCA has announced the guidelines for its annual national contest.

The Armed Services YMCA art contest 2013 seeks young artists for its annual contest titled, "My Military Family."

The contest promotes art among children of active duty or retired (with 20 or more years of service) from the Army, Navy,

Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard and National Guard/Reserves families.

Children in grades kindergarten through six are eligible to enter. Winning artwork will receive an Ipod Touch. One winner will be awarded in each service category. The top six winners (one from each service) will be highlighted on the Armed Services YMCA annual Military Family Month Poster.

Students are asked to draw a picture of their military family. All entries should be drawn on a six-by-eight inch template included with the entry form. Entries with use of color and a patriotic theme have caught judges' attention in the past.

Entries should be postmarked no later than Feb. 15, 2013 to be eligible.

Sent entries to:  
Armed Services YMCA

Attn: Art contest  
7405 Alban Station Ct., Suite B 215

Springfield, VA. 22152

All entries should include the official entry form completely filled out and attached to the backside of each entry. The entry form can be found on the Armed Services YMCA website [www.asymca.org](http://www.asymca.org).

For more information, email [ssimms@asymca.org](mailto:ssimms@asymca.org).





# Civil Engineer Squadron secures playoff spot

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Airman 1st Class Ryan Walters, quarterback for the 647th Civil Engineer Squadron (647 CES), threw for five touchdowns to lead his team to a 34-13 victory over Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) "A" Team on Nov. 26 in an American League intramural flag football game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The win raised the 647 CES record to 10-5 and secured a spot in the upcoming postseason, which is scheduled for Dec. 8-10 at Ward Field.

Meanwhile, NIOC was knocked out of the playoffs by losing their seventh game against eight wins.

"I believe we were on the bubble too, but we're in now," Walters said. "Unfortunately, half our team, including me, is not going to be here for the playoffs."

With both teams in desperate need of a win, it was the 647 CES that came out quickly and took control early in the game.

On only the second play from scrimmage, Walters looked downfield and hoisted a bomb into the hands of Airman 1st Class Burton Jurel, who made the catch and streaked down the right sideline for a touchdown.

"It was actually supposed to go to the outside corner, but I threw it in the middle. Luckily he (Jurel) made a play," Walters admitted. "They (receivers) helped me out a lot this year. I get it close



Sgt. Russell Wrenn, defensive back for 647th Civil Engineer Squadron (647 CES), picks off a pass to give the offense good field position in an American Division intramural flag football game against Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) "A" Team. The 647 CES beat NIOC, 34-13, and advanced to next week's playoffs.

and they come up with it." With the offense getting the job done, the 647 CES

defense stepped into the spotlight and delivered. After NIOC picked up a

first down at their own 21, Tech. Sgt. Russell Wrenn stepped in front of a pass

from quarterback Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) 1st Class Kelly Rixie and picked it off at the 647 CES 34-yard line.

Two plays later, Walters connected to Tech. Sgt. Matt Voorhees for 18 yards and the team's second touchdown of the game to take a 13-0 lead.

Down by two scores, Rixie took matters into his own hands and, on second down from the 26, the NIOC quarterback took off on a keeper down the middle before cutting to the right sideline and scoring on a 54-yard scamper to make it 13-7 after the converted point after touchdown (PAT).

While NIOC cut the lead down to six, the run may have ruined the team's chances of making a full comeback after Rixie was forced to the sideline with a strained hamstring.

Nearing halftime, the 647 CES took to the field for their third offensive series of the game, and like their first two, the drive ended up with a touchdown.

Walters topped off an eight-play, 65-yard drive by completing another long touchdown pass into the arms of Jurel.

The added PAT made the score 20-7 at intermission.

Following the break, more troubles ensued for NIOC as the team opened the second half by giving up a safety when the ball was hiked over the head of replacement quarterback Department of Defense civilian Phil Perez and sailed out of the end zone.

Then on the next drive for the 647 CES, Walters put the game in the team's

pocket when, on a fourth down and 12 yards to go, he connected for his fourth touchdown pass of the game - finding Jurel in the back of the end zone for six and a 28-7 advantage.

Walters was intercepted for a pick-six by NIOC defensive back Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 2nd Class Marcus Levert, but closed out the game with his fifth touchdown pass of the game - hitting Voorhees in the end zone.

After the final whistle sounded, Perez said that although NIOC players gave it their all, the team faced just too many obstacles to overcome.

"It was just an issue of using the wrong players in the wrong positions out of necessity," he explained. "We had to use players at new positions that they never played before."

In addition, the injury to Rixie severely damaged the NIOC attack.

"That affected our whole offensive dynamic," he said. "Me switching from receiver to quarterback and now having to use our safety as our primary receiver threw off our timing."

While Walters affirmed that he and several other players wouldn't be available for the playoffs, he still believes that the 647 CES could pull off a few surprises - especially if the team's defense comes to play.

"We've beat some good teams out here when our defense played like tonight," he said. "They've won the majority of our games. If they play like that, with our offense clinking, I feel like we can be dominant."

## 'Ticket to Ride' grant to bring local students into park

Story and photos by  
National Park Service

This year, World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument was selected to receive a Ticket to Ride grant in order to bring more than 700 fifth grade students from underserved areas of Oahu to the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. Nationwide, more than \$230,000 in Ticket to Ride grants have made it possible for about 30,000 students to experience their local national parks this fall.

Responding to a need for transportation and educational programming funding from parks and schools nationwide, the National Park Foundation, the official charity of America's national parks, created the Ticket To Ride program.

Ticket to Ride provides financial resources for transportation, in-park educational programming, and meals that make national park field trips possible for schools across the country.

The students are participating in a three-part pro-



Students from Mauka Lani Elementary school show their enthusiasm for their first trip to Pearl Harbor.

gram titled "Let's Talk (Hi)story," focused on exploring personal connections to history and national parks. This program began with ranger-led visits to

each of the eight participating schools in September, featuring story-telling from National Park Service volunteer Jimmy Lee.

Lee was in the fifth grade



National Park Service Ranger Nikki Brown explains program goals to August Ahrens Elementary School fifth graders.

when he witnessed the Dec. 7, 1941 attack. In October and November, students from 32 classrooms visited Pearl Harbor and the USS Arizona Memorial, most for the first time.

Through participating in this program, students have forged new connections and been inspired to explore the more personal side of history - not only through their

local national park, but through a special oral history project they will complete with their own social networks at home.

"Providing the means for America's youth to experience all that our national park system has to offer is imperative," said Neil Mulholland, president and chief executive officer of the National Park Foundation.

"The Ticket to Ride program makes it possible for us to engage the younger generation through the parks' unique natural, cultural and historical classrooms, ultimately fostering an early love and appreciation for these important places," Mulholland said.

For more information about the program, go to [www.nationalparks.org](http://www.nationalparks.org).

## Battleship Missouri Memorial invites guests to experience 'Heart of the Missouri'

### Battleship Missouri Memorial

Ever wonder what it takes to move a 40,000-ton ship at a speed of nearly 40 mph or how the 16-inch guns fired a 2,700-pound projectile 23 miles with pinpoint accuracy? "The Heart of the Missouri Tour" will answer these and many frequently asked questions about America's last battleship.

The Missouri's tour guides take groups through areas never before available including boiler, plotting and engine rooms they will receive hands-on training with lessons on lighting one of the eight, three-story Babcock and Wilcox boilers and adjusting throttles, releasing the steam that drives the ship's massive propellers.

Guests are also introduced to the ship's last chief engineer, Larry



Photo courtesy of Battleship Missouri Memorial

"The Heart of the Missouri" tour will answer questions about the battleship including the ship's Broadway passage.

Doong, as he provides video commentary throughout Broadway, the longest and widest passage on the ship.

"The Heart of the Missouri tour is a unique experience unlike anything we've ever offered at the Battleship Missouri Memorial. For the first time, visitors will get to see how the Missouri worked," said Mike Carr, president and chief operating officer of the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

"If the Missouri was a movie this would be the behind-the-scenes footage. You get to see where all the magic happened, how she was powered, how the guns were aimed and fired and tons more. This ship was really a marvel of her time and the Navy engineers thought of everything when they built the Iowa-class battleships," Carr said.

Advance reservations are recommended as this tour has a capacity of 10 per group. Closed-toe shoes are mandatory, and the tour is limited to guests ages 10 and above.

For guests' safety, this tour is not recommended for those with mobility constraints. Patrons must be able to climb 10 sets of ladders, step over a dozen two-foot high obstacles, and navigate through tight doorways and low overheads.

Admission to "The Heart of the Missouri" Tour is \$25 per adult and \$12 per child. General admission, which includes choice of a four tours, is \$22 per adult and \$11 per child 4-12. Military, *kamaaina* (Hawaii residents) and school group pricing is available.

For more information or to reserve a tour, call toll-free 1-877-644-4896 or visit [www.USSMissouri.org](http://www.USSMissouri.org).



# Coast Guard team trounces JBPHH-Security

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Quarterback Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Waylon Logsdon threw for five touchdowns in leading the Coast Guard's Maritime Safety and Security Team (MSST) to a convincing 31-15 victory over Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Security on Nov. 27 in a National Division intramural flag football game at Ward Field, JBPHH.

The win raised MSST's record to 9-3, which is good enough for second place in the standings, while JBPHH Security fell to 6-8.

Logsdon bounced back after throwing an early pick-six to complete scoring tosses to Maritime Enforcement Specialist 3rd Class Ryan Buoniconti, Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Eric Dees, Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Micah Siangco and Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Chris Clevenger.

"Basically, we just look at the defense," explained Logsdon about the team's explosive offense. "We pick apart the holes in the zone. If they turn to man-to-man, it's better for us. Every game, we just take what the defense gives us."

On the first series of the game, Logsdon methodically moved the chains from his own 15 to the Security six-yard line, only to have the drive abruptly halted on an interception at the goal line by defensive back/receiver Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Kyle Nelson, who broke down the left sideline and ran into the end zone for an



Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Waylon Logsdon, quarterback for Maritime Safety and Security Team (MSST), releases a pass during the team's National Division matchup against Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Security. Logsdon passed for five touchdowns to lead MSST to a 31-15 win over JBPHH Security.

early 6-0 lead.

"The quarterback, he scanned the field, and I just watched his eyes and his eyes just led me right to the ball," Nelson said. "Once I hit the sideline, I looked back to check if there was anybody on my tail and I just coasted in from there."

Logsdon said that it was one of those situations where he just didn't see the defensive back making a break for the ball.

"He (Nelson) came out of nowhere," he stated. "I saw an open guy, and he stepped in and took it to the house on me."

Immediately after the pick, Logsdon put the toss behind him and on only the four plays moved the ball from the 15 into Security territory at the 30.

Then on the next play, the QB placed a perfect pass into the hands of Buoniconti for a game-tying touchdown.

"You can't think about that last play," said Logsdon about how he overcame the interception. "You got to move forward because if you think about that last possession, you're going to keep doing that over and over."

After the MSST defense forced Security to hand over the ball on downs, Logsdon got the ball in good field position at the Security 32.

Once again, Logsdon connected with Buoniconti for another touchdown to finish off a four-play drive on a five-yard scoring toss.

Another stoppage of the Security offense by the MSST defense put the ball into the hands of Logsdon just before halftime.

Working fast to beat the

clock, Logsdon hit Dees for a 39-yard gain before hitting him again on a pass for 15 yards and a touchdown just before intermission to go up by a score of 19-6.

Following the break, MSST stopped Security inside the red zone at the 10 and then proceeded to march 70 yards on four plays for the team's fourth touchdown of the game.

The drive ended on a 16-yard pass from Logsdon to Siangco for the score and, with the added point after touchdown, a 25-6 advantage.

Security's offense finally got on the scoreboard on a drive that went 65 yards on seven plays with the final six yards covered on a flea-flicker back into the arms of quarterback Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Tanner Arcemant in the end zone.

While the game was already secured, Logsdon had one last hurrah before time expired.

The quarterback topped off a big day by marching the team 65 yards on three plays that ended on a scoring pass to Clevenger.

Although MSST will finish the season in second place, the team, since it is not part of JBPHH, will not be allowed to compete in the playoffs.

While Logsdon said that it's disappointing, he understands the situation and hopes that the team will be able to play for the title in the future.

"We came out here knowing that we weren't allowed to play in the playoffs," he pointed out. "We know that, but that's something that we can look forward to in the future."

# Civil engineers ready Freedom Tower for holidays

Maj. Allen Monroe

647th Civil Engineer Squadron

It's no small feat to make the lights on Freedom Tower illuminate Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for the 43rd time.

Each November, 647th Civil Engineer Squadron (CES) Airmen and civilians, and now U.S. Navy Seabees, invest 1,700 hours stringing lights, pulling strands, and climbing the 166 stairs leading up the 171-foot high tower to create Hawaii's "largest Christmas tree."

"It's a little known fact amongst our base residents how much time and effort that our engineers spend each November festively decorating Freedom Tower," said Lt. Col. Randy Whitecotton, 647th CES commander. "Their teamwork displayed annually in illuminating Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, however, is nothing short of amazing."

One of the most well-

known landmarks on the Joint Base, "Freedom Tower," is located at the far end of the parade mall, across from the 15th Wing headquarters building. The tower was built under the direction of Capt. Howard B. Nurse of the U.S. Army's Quartermaster Corps, at a cost of \$43,146.60. It was completed on Jan. 14, 1938.

"My grandfather worked for the contractor E.E. Black, who built the water tower," said Jessie Higa, Hickam historian. "It's amazing to me today that it continues to be the iconic structure of greatest visibility of Oahu."

Of Moorish design and similar to another famous tower built during that era at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, Freedom Tower stands 171 feet high. It is octagonal in shape, with a radius of 18-feet, 5-inches, and each of its eight sides measures 14-feet, 6-inches across. The walls are 12-inch thick reinforced concrete at the base with a gradual reduction to eight inches at



U.S. Air Force photo by Sr A Lauren Main

Air Force Entertainment and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will present Tops in Blue at the Freedom Tower tonight as part of the free 43rd annual Freedom Tower lighting celebration.

the top.

Eight pre-cast concrete eagles, weighing 2,000 pounds each, are located at the points of the octagon near the top of the tower. Hatched from a cast iron shell in 1934, the eagles were designed by Italian plasterer and artisan Mario Valdastrì of Honolulu.

Three of the eagles were replicated by Mario Valdastrì Jr., using the same process, to replace cracked originals in 1988.

"We still have one of the original eagles preserved here on base," Higa said. "We are working on plans to properly have it on display in the near

future. Things back then were built to endure the test of time."

A steep spiral staircase provides the only access to the top, which is used today to store boxes containing strings of lights and equipment that transform the water tower into one of

Hawaii's largest Christmas trees every year. A Hawaiian barn owl, or *pueo*, nests in the uppermost dome of the tower. The owl has reportedly produced multiple hatchlings since first discovered in 1989.

On May 15, 1985, during a ceremony commemorating the 50th anniversary of Hickam, the water tower was dedicated and officially named "Freedom Tower." It honors those who have served, and will serve, in the defense of our liberties and to honor those who paid the ultimate price so that others might live in freedom.

Beginning in 2013, the tower will "go green" when the current lighting system will be replaced to use energy-efficient light-emitting diode, or LED, lights for the first time. So as you enjoy the beauty of the Freedom Tower's glow this holiday season, please remember how your joint base engineers proudly worked to share some holiday cheer with you.



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Community Calendar

CRUD TOURNAMENT

There is a free crud tournament from 5:30 to 11 p.m. Today at the Hickam Officers' Club (Koa Lounge). No experience with the game is necessary, and all branches and skill levels are welcome. FMI: 448-4608.

HONOLULU CITY LIGHTS OPENING DAY

There will be a Honolulu City Lights opening day trolley tour from 4 to 9 p.m. Saturday. Departures are from Hickam Information, Tickets and Travel. There will be an electric parade, kiddie rides, craft and food booths, and more. Tickets go on sale today. The cost is \$22 per person. FMI: 473-0792 or 448-2295.

HIKE KOKO HEAD WITH LIBERTY

There will be a free Koko Head hike with Liberty on Saturday. Departures are from Liberty Express at 8:30 a.m., Beeman Center at 9:15 a.m., Instant Liberty at 9:30 a.m., and Makai Recreation Center at 9:45 a.m. This activity is for single, active-duty Sailors and Airmen only. FMI: 473-2583.

GOLF DEMO DAY

Try out some of the latest golf equipment from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Mamala Bay Golf Course. This is a free event. FMI: 449-2300.

CHAMPAGNE SUNDAY BRUNCH

There will be a champagne Sunday brunch at the Hickam Officer's Club dining room from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 2, 16, 23 and 30. The menu includes roast beef, smoked ham, crab legs, fresh fruit, Belgian waffles, omelets and eggs to order, grilled mahi mahi, a stir-fry bar, bacon, sausage, hot buttered vegetables, rice and potatoes, a dessert bar, beverages and more. All ranks are welcome. Prices are \$22.95 for adults, \$12.50 for children ages 7–12, \$7.25 for children ages 4–6, and free for children ages 3 and under. There is a \$2 members first discount. Reservations are required. FMI: 448-4608.

JINGLE BELL 5K RUN/WALK

A free Jingle Bell 5K Run/Walk will begin at 7 a.m. Dec. 6 at the Wahiawa Annex Fitness Center. FMI: 653-5542.

OAHU HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

There will be a tours of Oahu 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Dec. 6-27. The tour features the major sights of Oahu, including Hanauma Bay, Pali Lookout and National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific Punchbowl. The cost is \$45 for adults, \$40 for children, and free for children 2 and under who sit on an adult's lap. Lunch is included. Departures are from ITT-Hickam office. FMI: 448-2295.

HICKAM HISTORICAL TOUR

A historical tour of the Hickam side of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Fridays, Dec. 7-29. The cost is \$55 for adults, \$45 for children ages 3-11 years old, and free for children 2 years and younger. Departures are from ITT-Hickam and Royal Alaka'i Lodge. FMI: 448-2295.

For more information on events, visit [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).



Here Comes the Boom (PG)

Former collegiate wrestler Scott Voss is a 42-year-old apathetic biology teacher in a failing high school. When cutbacks threaten to cancel the music program and lay off its teacher, Scott begins to raise money by moonlighting as a mixed martial arts fighter. Everyone thinks Scott is crazy - most of all the school nurse, Bella, but in his quest, Scott gains something he never expected as he becomes a sensation that rallies the entire school.

SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER

TODAY

7:00 PM Here Comes the Boom (PG)

SATURDAY

2:30 PM Hotel Transylvania\* (3-D) (PG)  
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7:00 PM Argo (R)

SUNDAY

2:30 PM Here Comes the Boom (PG)  
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HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY

6:00 PM End of Watch (R)  
8:30 PM Argo (R)

SATURDAY

4:00 PM House at the End of the Street (PG13)  
7:00 PM Argo (R)

SUNDAY

2:00 PM House at the End of the Street (PG13)

November

Today ~ The Air Force entertainment showcase Tops in Blue will perform at 7:15 p.m. as part of the 43rd annual Tower Lighting Celebration at Freedom Tower. The celebration will include activities for children and families from 4:30 to 7 p.m. FMI: [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).

December

1 ~ The City & County of Honolulu will conduct the monthly statewide outdoor warning siren test at 11:45 a.m. The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam "Giant Voice" works in conjunction with Honolulu's outdoor warning sirens and will sound a steady tone for 45 seconds.

1 ~ The Hickam Officers' Spouses Club will hold a Snack with Santa from 10 a.m. to noon at the Ka Makani Community Center on the Hickam side of Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Space is limited. There are tickets for 200 children and 150 family members/guardians. Base access cannot be provided by the club, so make sure you have access. FMI: [info@hickamosc.com](mailto:info@hickamosc.com).

2 ~ U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific will hold its fifth annual Na Mele o na Keiki (Music for the Children) Holiday Concert at 2 p.m. at Hawaii Theatre. The concert is free of charge, but toy and cash donations will be accepted for the Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots Hawaii collection effort. Free tickets are available at the box office, 1130 Bethel St., Honolulu.

4 ~ Homemade cookies will be accepted to give single and deployed Airmen so they can have a happier holiday this season. The 15th Wing Cookie Caper is being hosted by the 15th Operations Group. Cookie drop-off will be accepted from 6:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dec. 4 in front of the Wright Brothers Café at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. FMI: Tonya Baldessari at [TonyaCookieCaper@hotmail.com](mailto:TonyaCookieCaper@hotmail.com) or 744-2548.

4 ~ The Honolulu Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program will open a new satellite clinic at Navy Region Hawaii Fleet and Family Readiness. The clinic will be at building 3456, 620 Main St., Honolulu. All military and civilian families are welcome to apply. FMI: 586-4761.

6 ~ The Pacific Aviation Museum will hold its sixth anniversary gala from 5:30 to 9 p.m. The event will include dinner, a silent auction and two special awards. Tickets are available for purchase through the museum. FMI: Carol Arnott at 441-1006 or visit [PacificAviationMuseum.org](http://PacificAviationMuseum.org).

15 ~ Santa will be arriving on jet ski from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to the shores at Bellows Air Force Station. Participants can bring their camera for a photo with Santa. The event will take place behind pavilion A on the beach. FMI: 259-4112.





# Rules will be enforced, football officials say

Story and photo by  
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

Officials at the American Division showdown between the 324th Intelligence Squadron (324 IS) and the 647th Security Forces Squadron (647 SFS) Pound Town team sent a clear message to all members participating in intramural sports on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam: Breakage of rules pertaining to ineligible players will result in immediate forfeiture.

The American Division matchup was called in favor of Pound Town after only two plays when officials discovered a player who had been participating in previous games for the Maintenance Squadron (MXG) was on the field for the 324 IS.

The game was of particular importance for the 324 IS, which entered the contest on the bubble and in search for a spot in the upcoming playoffs.

While members of the 324 IS argued their case, game officials held fast to the ruling, which, said head referee Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Rafael Jaramillo, was non-negotiable.

"If a guy is playing for one team, he can't play for another team," Jaramillo said. "If he already started playing for one team, even though he's on another team's roster, by the rules, by the by-laws, the team has to forfeit if he plays on the (second) team."

While the rules apply to all



Airman 1st Class Tweeter Riddle, quarterback for the 647th Security Forces Squadron Pound Town flag football team, eludes a pass rush in an American Division game versus the 324th Intelligence Squadron (324 IS) at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Following the play, officials called the game, after finding an ineligible player on the 324 IS team.

intramural sports on base, officials say that they wouldn't hesitate to invoke it even in the upcoming intramural flag football playoffs, which are scheduled for Dec. 8-10.

Staff Sgt. Sean Morey, who was one of the 324 IS players trying to persuade officials to let the game continue, said that the player in question was not added

to the team to give it an unfair advantage.

Instead, he said that since the player was on the team's roster from the start of the season, he didn't think that the 324 IS was in violation of any league rules.

Morey stated that he had no idea that the player had participated earlier in the season as a member of the MXG

flag football team.

"The guy is in our unit," Morey noted. "I put him on our roster at the beginning of the year and we were a little short today, so he showed up and said that he wanted to play. According to the rules that I got at the beginning of the year, if he's on our roster and our unit, he's allowed to play for us and not for anybody else. We

never released him."

Senior Airman Charlton Burton of Pound Town said that while he wanted to continue playing, he understood why Jaramillo had to call the game.

"I feel that if it's your game, then you have to play that game. Don't let somebody else play it for you," he said, "especially for us."

"We're fighting to keep our No. 1 seed and they're fighting for the playoffs. If it means that much to you, you shouldn't have other people coming in from another team. Read the rules. Everybody knows the rules, so the white hat saw it and said that was it," Burton said.

Burton did add however, that he thought under this circumstance, the game should have continued.

"If it was a situation where the game in question was where the (ineligible) player caught the winning touchdown, then I feel like it should be a forfeit," he stated. "But since we had just started, they (officials) should have let us play."

Although Jaramillo said that he found it very difficult to end the game, the rules don't allow for any exceptions and added that it should serve as fair warning to all teams to check their rosters before any game.

"It's a fair rule," he pointed out. "It's an automatic forfeit. It's in the rules, when they put it out in the meetings and the captains know that they're responsible for the teams and players. It's tough, but the rules are the rules."



## PACAF paddler propels through Pacific

Master Sgt. Jeff Allen, Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs photojournalist, participates in the fourth annual Paddling Athletes Association Thanksgiving Food Drive Race on Nov. 17 in Hawaii Kai. More than 120 outrigger canoes hit the waters around Oahu, including first time racer Allen. Allen finished the race in 1:16:23.

U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Mike Meares





# USS Bowfin commemorates 70th anniversary on Dec. 7

## USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park

On Dec. 7, 1942, one year after the attack on Pearl Harbor, the USS Bowfin was launched into World War II, forever changing the role submarines played in time of war, from patroller to attack war machine.

Nicknamed the “Pearl Harbor avenger,” the USS Bowfin conducted nine war patrols during its WWII career and claimed sinking 44 enemy vessels, with nearly 235,000 tons sunk or damaged. These claims were reduced after the war to 16 ships and nearly 68,000 tons sunk.

The USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park will commemorate the 70 years since the Bowfin’s launch into WWII, as well as the contributions and sacrifices made by thousands of submariners, with free after-hours events and discounted admission.

Special events in con-

junction with the Bowfin’s anniversary include:

- A special photo exhibit will be on display in the museum from Dec. 2-7, showcasing entries received for the USS Bowfin’s Dec. 7 photo contest. High school students across Oahu participated in a photo contest, submitting photographs depicting the importance of the USS Bowfin Park and its relevance in today’s society.

- USS Bowfin survivor Dr. Robert Beynon will be on hand from Dec. 2-7 to speak to the public and auto-graph his book, “Pearl Harbor Avenger.” He participated in Bowfin’s war patrols eight and nine.

- USS Bowfin Museum and Park will offer discounted admission for adults (\$5 per adult) and children (free admission for children under 12). In addition, these special admission prices will include access to the USS Bowfin

(with audio tour included), the museum and waterfront memorial. The park’s policy of providing free admission to active military in uniform will be honored.

- Free “Adventures in History” events will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Jan. 10 on “Civil War submarines: the Hunley versus the Alligator,” and from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 8 on “I-400 Japan’s World War II super submarine.”

“Freedom always comes at a cost and this is

evident for visitors who tour our waterfront memorial, reading the names of nearly 3,600 U.S. submariners who gave their life in service to our country during World War II,” said Jerry Hofwolt, retired submarine captain and museum/park executive director.

“The USS Bowfin tells the story of the ‘silent service’ made by these men and the extraordinary heroism

of U.S. sub crews.”

For decades, submarines were the Navy’s silent service, shrouded in a cloak of stealth and secrecy intended to keep enemies off guard and unaware of their true capabilities.

During WWII, submarines represented only two percent of the U.S. fleet, yet they were responsible for the destruction of 30 percent of the

Japanese navy including eight aircraft carriers, one battleship and 11 cruisers. In addition, the submarine force sank 2,400 Japanese merchant ships, totaling 4.9 million tons.

Although the submarine service was the smallest military unit, they made the greatest sacrifice in terms of loss of life. One in five of the nearly 18,000 submariners who went into battle never returned to port.

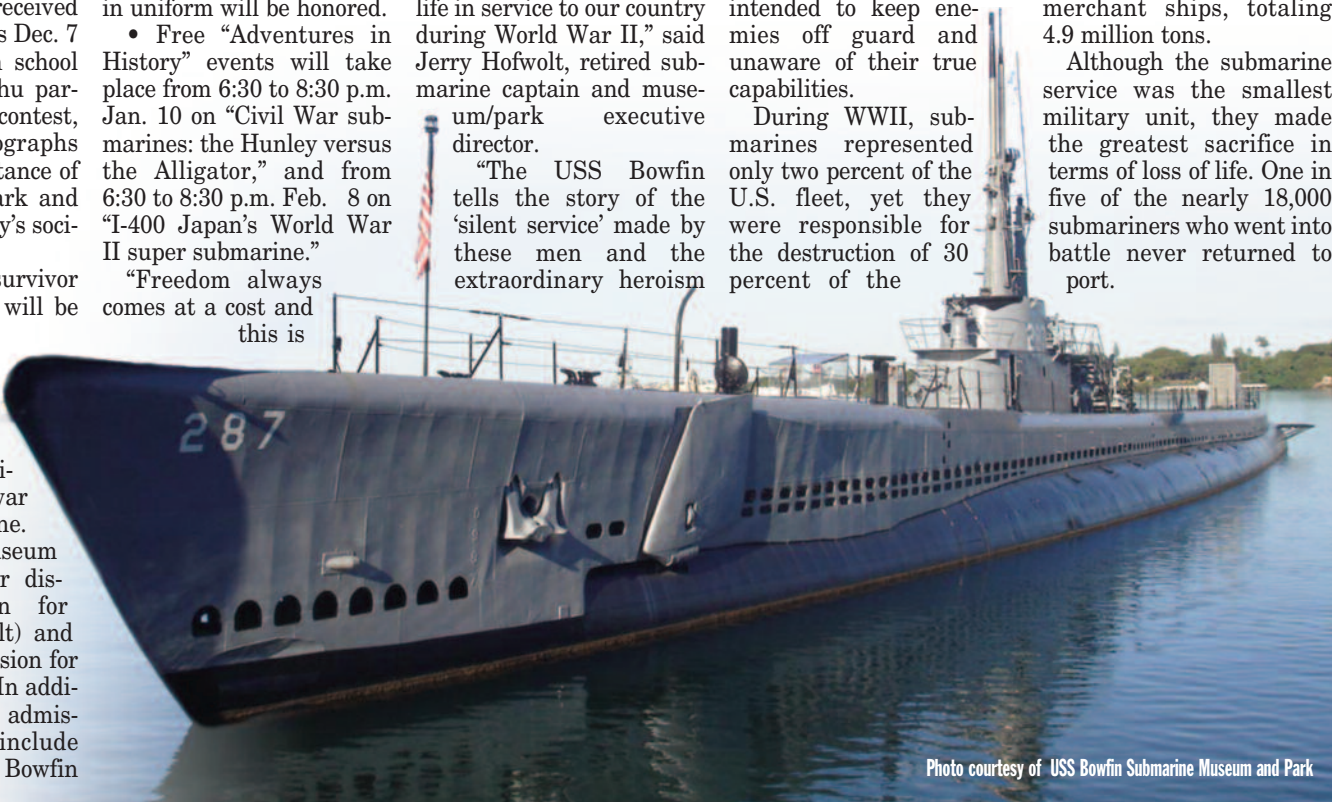


Photo courtesy of USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park

## December to feature a variety of holiday activities at local military communities

Forest City has registered with Toys for Tots to participate in a toy drive beginning Dec. 1. Unwrapped toys can be dropped off at the Pearl City Peninsula and Camp Stover community centers Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Dec. 14, or at the Moanalua Community Center during business hours through Dec. 21.

There will be a Jingle Bell

Dance-off from 2 to 4 p.m. Dec. 5, 2 to 4p.m. at the Moanalua Community Center. This dance is for all ages. Eggnog and sweets will be served. Dancers will be divided into four age brackets, with prizes to be awarded to the “best dancers” in each bracket.

Moanalua Terrace is holding its first annual creative ornament contest from Dec. 1-21.

There are two age divisions: 4-9 and 10-15. Ornaments can be dropped off during business hours at Moanalua Community Center. Two winners will receive a prize, one in each age group.

There will be a photo session with Surfin’ Santa from 2 to 4 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Pearl City Peninsula Community, and from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Dec. 12 at the Halsey Terrace Community

Center. There will be free snacks available. Those attending the Halsey Terrace event are asked to bring their own camera.

Halsey Terrace is holding an ornament contest. Residents are invited to visit Halsey Terrace Community Center from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. and decorate a holiday tree with their ornaments.

Please be sure to include your contact information on the back

or attached to the “hanging device” so organizers know who contributed the ornament. The two winning categories will be for the “most creative” and for “originality.”

Winners will be notified Dec. 13, and there will be a first and second prize awarded. Ornaments will be returned after the contest.

## Marines announce free holiday concert

U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific and BAE Systems, in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, are scheduled to hold the fifth annual *Na Mele o na Keiki* (Music for the Children) Holiday Concert at Hawaii Theatre at 2 p.m. Dec. 2.

The event will feature the U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific Band performing holiday favorites with a variety of guest artists, including Henry Kapono, jazz singer Ginai, ukulele player Aidan James, jazz/blues guitarist Chris Vandercook, Hawaiian musicians the Abrigo Ohana and latin/salsa musicians Son Caribe.

This concert is presented free of charge and is an opportunity to help support the

Marine Corps Reserve’s Toys for Tots Hawaii collection effort.

Marines will be on hand to accept donations of new, unwrapped toys or cash. Every toy and every dollar collected to purchase toys stays in Hawaii to make the holidays brighter for Hawaii’s less-fortunate children. The Salvation Army is once again working with more than 100 local charities to distribute the donated toys.

Free tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis at the Hawaii Theatre Box Office, 1130 Bethel St. The box office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Doors will open at 1:30 p.m. the day of the show.

## New WIC satellite clinic to open Dec. 4

The Honolulu Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program will open a new satellite clinic Dec. 4 at Military and Family Support Center Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The clinic will be at building 3456,

620 Main St., Honolulu, near Nimitz Elementary School. All military and civilian families are welcome to apply.

For more information on receiving WIC benefits at this location, call the Honolulu WIC program at 586-4761.

Commentary

# Window on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam



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## What happened to Thanksgiving?

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Leftover bits of turkey, a little bit of seasoned dressing, and a few pieces of pie may be all that remains of the recent Thanksgiving holiday.

And at least for some, there are the memories of good times spent feasting with families and friends, enjoying the company of loved ones, and being thankful for all that we have.

Thanksgiving is not only a time to be aware of and appreciate how much we have been given, but a time to reach out to others who are less fortunate.

It is also the prelude to the rapidly advancing holiday season, filled with festive parties, gift giving, and a variety of foods and traditions.

But I need to ask ... what happened to Thanksgiving?

Mentions of the holiday were noticeably absent in the days leading up to "turkey day." Announcements about Black Friday and Cyber Monday and pre-Black Friday sales dominated the television, radio, newspapers and Internet.

What can we expect next? The day before the pre-Black Friday sales? The night preceding the day before the pre-Black Friday bargains? And what about the week leading up to the night preceding the day before the pre-Black Friday shopping spree? You see where I am going with this.

Certainly, I am supportive of a thriving economy, flourishing as shoppers patronize their favorite retail establishments. As for me, I love shopping and buying gifts as much as the next person.



And I have no problem with shoppers who are pursuing the bonanza of shopping bargains which are offered in the early morning hours of the day after Thanksgiving, or even a few minutes past the stroke of midnight as the Thanksgiving holiday draws to a close.

But I found myself asking the question: Do we have to be so greedy that we have to sacrifice Thanksgiving? Doesn't it seem like a contradiction that a day that should be about giving thanks has turned into a manifestation of shopping madness?

I felt sorry for the many employees who had to work their retail jobs on Thanksgiving Day instead of being able to spend the Thanksgiving holiday at home with their families. Why couldn't they have that one special day to spend with families and enjoy the holiday? I had to ask.

Perhaps I am in the minority, and maybe the majority of people were eager to get out there and start their Christmas shopping on Thanksgiving Day, even if it meant sacrificing the holiday.

Have you noticed that the holiday shopping season seems to start earlier and earlier each year? It used to be that brightly decorated Christmas trees and holiday

shopping advertisements appeared about the same time as the trussed up turkeys for Thanksgiving.

But how signs of the holiday season have cropped up earlier and earlier with some retailers getting into the season by late October. It's common to see jack o'lanterns and wicked witches mingling with Santa and his reindeer.

Some retailers have started even earlier. I love Christmas and all of the festivities of the holiday season, but I don't want to see it in August or September. Don't tease me with ornaments and whimsical animated holiday figures and candy canes when summer has barely ended.

I am aware that Christmas like many other holidays—Valentine's Day, Halloween, Easter, to name a few—have become too commercialized. One holiday isn't over before the next one is beating down the door and enticing us with advertisements to buy, buy, buy.

But this year, it seemed that we moved from Halloween to Black Friday with hardly any recognition of Thanksgiving.

Yes, I think that Thanksgiving was sadly short changed—pun intended.

Have a fine Navy-Air Force day at JBP HH!

## Winter camps registration for youth has begun

Registration for 2012 winter camps has started. Winter camps provide youth with a variety of social, recreational and learning opportunities within the facility, throughout the local bases, as well as in various locations around the island of Oahu.

Weekly activities include a combination of field trips, guest speakers, fitness activities, aquatics and outdoor adventure experiences.

In addition, activities are also planned at the youth center and camp facilities including games, arts and crafts, clubs, large and small

group activities, performance arts, songs and sharing.

Winter camp runs from 6 a.m.- 6 p.m. Dec. 17-28 at Catlin and Hickam communities.

Children must be attending kindergarten. All fees are based on total family income.

Paperwork for winter camp must be turned in by Dec. 7. First week payment is due in full by Dec. 12. Second payment is due in full by Dec. 19. Call Catlin School-Age Care at 421-1556 or Hickam School-Age Care at 448-4396 for more information and space and availability.

## Cookies can be contributed for deployed Airmen

Donations of homemade cookies are requested to give to single and deployed Airmen this holiday season.

The 15th Wing Cookie Caper is being hosted by the 15th Operations Group, which asks that cookies be packaged in sandwich baggies with three of the same kind per bag.

Organizers of the "caper" are asking for a wide variety of homemade holiday cookies such as sugar, shortbread, lemon, snickerdoodles, chocolate crinkles, macaroons, bon-bons and bar cookies. Organizers said they would prefer no chocolate chip or frosted cookies be included.

Cookie drop-off will be accepted from 6:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dec. 4 in front of the Wright Brothers Café at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The cookies for the deployed will be sent by the first sergeants of each squadron to their deployed service members. Organizers would like to collect enough cookies to deliver to the deployed members' families here on Oahu.

You can make your cookie pledge (with the number of dozens) or volunteer your time on Dec. 4 by emailing or calling Tonya Baldessari at TonyaCookieCaper@hotmail.com or 744-2548.



# Retired Sailor overcomes diagnosis, maintains positive attitude

Story and photo by  
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Starting at age 50, it is encouraged that everyone get regular colonoscopies, an examination that uses a fiber-optic camera to view their lower gastrointestinal tract to screen for colon cancer.

In September 2011 when Daniel Shockley, a retired Sailor living on Oahu, went for his annual physical exam at Spark M. Matsunaga Veterans Affairs Medical Center, he thought besides a little weight loss he had a clean bill of health.

Since Shockley had just turned 50, he was referred to a Hawaii Pacific Health clinic in downtown Honolulu for his first colonoscopy.

Due to his hectic work schedule, Shockley rescheduled the screening a couple times and it wasn't until May 8, 2012, that he had the colonoscopy.

Shockley was referred to Tripler Army Medical Center's general surgery clinic, and the week following the screening he met with Susan Donlon, a certified genetic counselor at Tripler.

Donlon performed DNA tests on Shockley and within three weeks the tests had come back confirming that Shockley has a gene mutation which increases a person's risk of developing colorectal cancer. As a result of the mutation, Shockley was diagnosed with a condition in which numerous polyps form mainly in the large intestine.

"I knew surgery was inevitable and I was willing to accept the worst case scenario the whole time," Shockley said.

On July 13, Shockley underwent a total proctocolectomy with ileostomy surgery, which removed portions of his large intestine.

Shockley spent about two weeks in Tripler's general inpatient surgery ward recovering before he was able to go home. It was nine weeks before he was able to go back to work.

Lt. Col. Ronald Gagliano, chief, Colon and Rectal Surgery and director, Surgical Research, TAMC, performed Shockley's surgery and has followed up with him to ensure he is not only well-informed, but also well-educated.

"(Dr. Gagliano and his team) have passion for

what they do, and my care was phenomenal," Shockley expressed. "I cannot say enough good things about my stay and the care they provided."

Gagliano said he is very pleased with Shockley's recovery thus far and attributes it to his attitude.

"I tend not to think about things I can't control," Shockley explained. "Medical issues are not something I can control, but what I can control is my attitude and after 51 years on God's green earth, my positive attitude has gotten me this far and I am not going to change it."

Because of Shockley's surgeries, he now has an ostomy pouching system, a prosthetic medical device that provides a means for the collection of waste. Nina Lum, certified wound, ostomy and continence nurse, TAMC, who helped care for Shockley throughout his recovery, echoed Gagliano's remarks.

"Shockley's resilience in the face of challenges including his tremendous enthusiasm for life, regardless of setbacks, certainly played a huge role in his recovery," Lum said. "He has always maintained a positive outlook, been fully engaged in his care from the beginning, reached out to the ostomy community not only for support, but also to offer support and advice based on his personal experience."

"He is selfless in trying to reach out to others," Lum added.

Shockley has embraced his diagnosis and challenged it from the start. He acts as a patient advocate and an ambassador for colon cancer awareness.

"(I want to) share my story with others on behalf of those patients that have gone before me and who were unable to share their story," Shockley explained. "My catchphrase is 'AFAP [attenuated familial adenomatous polyposis]- Seize the disease!'"

Shockley wants to spread the information about his diagnosis and experience so he can inspire others to get the screening and be aware of the condition. Additionally, there is not a lot of information about AFAP available, so he hopes that talking about his diagnosis will help the medical community.

"By maintaining a positive attitude, the opportu-



nity for a success story is much higher," Shockley said. "This in turn allows me a better chance of overcoming adversities I am faced with during my lifetime."

For more information about what screenings are recommended at what age, visit the website [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

Daniel Shockley (left), a retired Sailor living on Oahu, meets with Lt. Col. Ronald Gagliano (center), chief, colon and rectal surgery and director, surgical research, Tripler Army Medical Center, and Nina Lum, certified wound, ostomy and continence nurse, to discuss recovery and post-operative care following his surgery.

## WHO SAID IT?

“Do your little bit of good where you are; it’s those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.”

Last Week's

## WHO SAID IT?

“Imagination will often carry us to worlds that never were. But without it we go nowhere.”

Carl Sagan

## This Week’s Trivia

What are the origins of oak leaves as U.S. Navy insignia?

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**Last Issue’s Question:**  
Which distinguished aviation pioneer died Nov. 5, 1934?

**Answer:** Lt. Col. Horace Meek Hickam died on that date when his A-12 struck an obstruction during night landing practice on the unlighted field at Fort Crockett, Texas. Six months later, the former Hickam Field in Hawaii was dedicated in his honor.